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SUBJECT: SYRIAN AND LEBANESE JEWISH COMMUNITIES

1. MORNING OCT 16 EMBOFF VISITED R. JOSEPH 'ATIYYA, LEADER OF LEBANESE JEWISH COMMUNITY. EMBOFF INQUIRED ABOUT WELL-BEING OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SYRIA. DR. 'ATIYYA REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING, NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD, FROM HIS SYRIAN SOURCES SINCE BEGINNING OF HOSTILITIES. HE CONJECTURED THAT HAD SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY BEEN SUBJECTED TO SEVERE HARASSMENT OR PERSECUTION HE WOULD HAVE HEARD. IN ABSENCE OF ANY NEWS HE PRESUMES THAT SITUATION IN SYRIA, AS FAR AS JEWISH COMMUNITY IS CONCERNED, IS SAME NOW AS IT WAS BEFORE HOSTILITIES BEGAN.

2. EMOBOFF ASKED ABOUT JEWISH COMMUNITY IN LEBANON. DR. 'ATIYYA REPLIED THAT, EXCEPT FOR CRANK CALL TO THE ALLIANCE-ISRAELI SCHOOL, SITUATION IN LEBANON HAS REMAINED SAME. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE ASST. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL INQUIRING WHY SCHOOL WAS CALLED ISRAELI. ASST. DIRECTOR REPLIED THAT WAS ANOTHER WORD FOR JEW AND THAT SCHOOL WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING IN LEBANON FOR OVER 100 YEARS WAS FRENCH AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS OR ISRAELI GOVT. WHEN CALLER WAS ASKED FOR NAME HE REPLIED "NEVER MIND WHAT
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MY NAME IS. YOU WILL KNOW THAT VERY SOON." ASST. DIRECTOR

ADVISED BY DR. 'ATIYYA TO REPORT INCIDENT TO FRENCH EMBASSY
WHICH IN TURN ADVISED LEBANESE SECURITY.

3. DR. 'ATIYYA PROMISED CALL EMBOFF IF HE WERE TO HEAR ANY-
THING FROM SYRIA OR IF THE SITUATION WERE TO CHANGE IN LEBANON.
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